

WILLIE LEE BRITT

In Chancery Side Circuit Court. Baldwin County  
Alabama.

VS

WALLACE EARL BRITT.

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To The Hon. John D Leigh, Judge of the Circuit Court, 21st. Judicial Circuit.

Your Oratrix Willie Lee Britt brings this her bill of complaint for divorce for Cruelty against Wallace Earl Britt and shows unto Your Honor as follows. That she and the said Respondent Wallace Earl Britt are both over the age of 21 years, that she is a resident of Baldwin County Alabama, and has continuously so been for more than three years next immediately preceding the filing of this bill of complaint, and Wallace Earl Britt is a non resident. Oratrix alleges

FIRST

1 That she and Wallace Earl Britt were married Sept. 23rd. 1918 and lived together as man and wife until April 1st. 1921.

SECOND.

2 That on or about April 1st. 1921 the said Wallace Earl Britt treated Oratrix in an inhuman manner, choking her and beating her severely to such an extent that her life was in danger and she was in danger of grievous bodily harm to her life and limb rendering it unsafe to longer consort with him. That he committed actual violence on her person attended with danger to life or health.

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3 That she has never condoned said offence but has resided with her Mother since that time (and that the said Wallace Earl Britt)

Prayer for Process

The premises considered Oratrix prays that Your Honor take jurisdiction of this her bill of complaint for divorce and that you may cause all necessary orders to issue to make said respondent Wallace Earl Britt party to this complaint, and that service by publication be had against said respondent.

Prayer for relief.

Upon final hearing may it please Your Honor to grant to Oratrix an absolute decree of divorce from the said Wallace Earl Britt and decree that she may again remarry, and such other or other relief as to your Honor may seem just and meet.

*Willie Lee Britt  
by Stone & Stone  
solicitors*

Foot Note.

Respondent is required, not under oath, to answer each paragraph of the above complaint from First to Third inclusive, Oath being waived.

Willie Lee Brill

By Stouff Stouff Her Solicitors.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin COUNTY.

No. 350

Willie Lee Britt

vs.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Wallace Earl Britt

This the 21st day of

August 1922

In this cause it being made to appear to the Clerk of this Court by the affidavit of Willie Lee

Britt

that the Defendant

Wallace Earl Britt

is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and when last heard from resided in the

Kingdom of Italy, but at what place affiant has not been able to ascertain

although she has made diligent inquiry as to the same.

and further, that, in the belief of said Affiant the Defendant is over the age of 21 years; it is,

therefore, ordered that publication be made in the Baldwin Times, a newspaper published in Bay Minette, Baldwin

County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said Wallace Earl

Britt

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 23rd day of September 1922

or after thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

W. R. Richardson

Register.

Stone & Stone

Attys for Complainant.

WILLIE LEE BRITT

IN CHANCERY CIRCUIT COURT BALDWIN COUNTY. ALA.

VS

DIVORCE.  
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WALLACE EARL BRITT.

State of Alabama.

Baldwin County. Before me Frank S Stone a Notary Public in and for said State and County personally appeared Willie Lee Britt, who is known to me and who being by me duly sworn doth depose and say under oath, that she is the complainant in a certain Divorce proceeding now pending in the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Equity Side; against Wallace Earle Britt that both she and the said Wallace Earl Britt are over the age of 21 years, that she is now and has been for more than three years next immediately preceding the filing of this bill of complaint a Bona Fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, that the said Wallace Earl Britt is a non resident of the State of Alabama, (and when last heard from resided in the Kingdom of Italy, but at what place affiant has not been able to ascertain although she has made diligent inquiry as to the same,) and that service by publication is necessary in order to make said Wallace Earl Britt party to this her bill of complaint for ~~Cruelty~~ *Divorce*.

X *Willie Lee Britt* -----

Subscribed and sworn to this Aug. 15th. 1922.

*Frank S Stone* -----

Notary Public Baldwin County. Ala.



Willie L Britt

vs.

Wallace Earl Britt

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldevin COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.  
Vacation Term, 1923

I, D. W. Richardson Register of the Circuit Court of

County, of the State of Alabama, hereby certify that on the affidavit

of Willie Lee Britt

on the 24th day of Aug 1922, an order of publication was made to

Wallace Earl Britt

who is a non-resident

who resides and when last heard from in the Kingdom of Italy

and was published in the Baldevin

a newspaper published in Bay Minette Baldevin Co. once a week, for four

consecutive weeks, commencing on the 24th day of Aug 1923, requiring

the said Wallace Earl Britt

to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in the cause on the 23rd day of Sept

1923, or in thirty days therefrom a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against

him

And that a copy of said order was forwarded by mail, on the day of

19, addressed to

at

and that one other copy of said order was posted at the Courthouse door of said County for four consecutive weeks,

commencing on the 24th day of Aug 1922

D. W. Richardson  
Register.



1st  
No. 250

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Micie Lee Britt

vs.

Melrose Carl Britt

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION.

Filed in office this 1st

day of January 19 23

M. H. [Signature]  
Register.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, BALDWIN COUNTY, IN EQUITY.Willie Lee Britt Complainant.

vs.

Wallace Earl Britt Respondent.I, T. W. Richersonas Register in Chanceryhave called and caused to come before me Willie Lee Britt and Mrs. Irene Hall,witnesses for complainantwitness S. named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 1st day of March,1923 at the office of Register in Chancery, Bay Minette, Alabama,in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness es to speak the truth, thewhole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said witnesses

doth depose and say as follows:

WILLIE LEE BRITT, THE COMPLAINANT AND A WITNESS FOR THE COMPLAINANT,TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:-My name is Willie Lee Britt and I am the complainant in this case of Willie Lee Britt, Complainant -vs- Wallace Earl Britt, Defendant.Both myself and Wallace Earl Britt are over the age of twenty-one years and were at the time of the filing of the bill for divorce in this cause: I am a resident of Baldwin County, State of Alabama, and have been such a resident all of my life; I have been and was a bona fide resident of the State of Alabama for one year next before the filing of the bill for divorce. Wallace Earl Britt is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and was such at the time of the filing of the bill; when last hear from him he resided in Italy but his more particular address was and is unknown and could not be ascertained after diligent inquiry on my part.I and the said Wallace Earl Britt were married September 23d., 1918 and we lived together as man and wife until about April 1st., 1921; about this time the said Wallace Earl Britt mistreated me; treating me in a cruel and unhamn manner; he choked me and beat me severely with his fists and hands; his treatment was such that I was in danger of suffering permanent injury to; he committed actual violence on my person attended with danger to life or health; his

conduct was such that I feared for myself and had reasonable apprehension of continued acts of actual violence attended with danger to life or health; I was in danger of greivous bodily harm and it was unsafe for me to stay with him longer; we have not lived together since that time and I have not con<sup>s</sup>orted with him as his wife; since that time I have never condoned the offense or gone back to live with him but have lived with her father and Mother at Point Clear in this county since that time. I gave him no cause or reason to mistreat me as he did.

Willie Lee Britt

MRS. IRENE HALL, A WITNESS FOR COMPLAINANT TESTIFIES AS FOLLOWS:-

My name is Mrs. Irene Hall; I am 46 years old; I reside at Point Clear in Baldwin County, Alabama, where I have lived all of my life; I know both Willie Lee Britt and her husband, Wallace Earl Britt; I am the mother of Willie Lee Britt; both of them are over the age of twenty one years; Willie Lee Britt is a bona fide resident of Baldwin County, Alabama, where she has lived all of her life; she was a bona fide resident of this county and state for more than one year next immediately preceeding the filing of her bill for divorce which was filed in August, 1922; Willie Lee Britt and Wallace Earl Britt are both over twenty one years of age; Wallace Earl Britt is a non-resident of the state of Alabama; when I last heard of him he was in Italy but just what place I do not know and could not find out.

They were married in September, 1918 and they lived together as man and wife until in April, 1921. While they were living together I went to visit them on different occasions; About April, 1921, while I was visiting them Wallace Britt committed actual violence on Willie Lee Britt; striking her; I was at the house at the time and I also examined the scars afterwards; His conduct was such that there was reason to fear more acts of actual violence on Willie Lee Britt with danger to her life or health. At a later date she complained to me that he had choked her; they never lived together after that time, she living with me and my husband, her father, at Point Clear in this county where she lives now and has lived continuously since they separated in April, 1921.

I know of no cause he had for treating her as he did; she has never lived with him since these acts were committed.

Mrs Irene Hall



ORAL EXAMINATION.

I, J. M. Rice, as Register

hereby certify that the foregoing deposition.....on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness u and read over to them and they signed the same in the presence of myself

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of the personal identity of said witness u or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness u; that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause, or in any manner interested in the result thereof.

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal, this 1st day of March, 1923  
J. M. Rice (L. S.)

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The State of Alabama

Baldwin County

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Walter Lee Britt

vs. Complainant,

Walter Carl Britt

Respondent.

ORAL DEPOSITION.

Filed March 1st, 1923

J. M. Rice, Register.

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The State of Alabama, }  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 350. Vacation Term, 1923

Willie Lee Britt,

Complainants

vs.

Wallace Earle Britt,

Defendants

Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Wallace Earle Britt,

Defendant

in the annexed stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since the perfection of publication was made under the order of this Court; and it having been shown by due proof to the Court that said Defendant is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and has failed to answer, plead or demur to the Bill in this cause, to the date hereof.

This 1st day of January, 1923

746 Code.

*Law, Howe*

Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Willie Lee Britt,

Complainants.

Vs.

Willace Earl Britt,

Defendants.

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO  
CONFESSO ON PUBLICATION.

Filed January 1st, 1923

*J. M. Richardson*

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Willie Lee Britt

vs.  
Wallace Carl Britt

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,

decreed - proconfers testimony of Willie  
Lee Britt and Mrs Irene Hall.

and in behalf of Defendant upon

*J. W. Blumson*

Register

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No. 300

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,  
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Minnie Lee Britt

vs.

Wallace Carl Britt

NOTE OF TESTIMONY.

Filed in Open Court this 1st

day of February 1923

W. H. [Signature]  
Register

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

} CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.  
No. 350. Vacation Term, 1923.

Willie Lee Britt, Complainant.....  
vs. Wallace Earl Britt, Defendant.....

In this cause it appears to the Register T.W. Richerson, that the order of publication here-  
tofore made in this cause, was published for four consecutive weeks, commencing on the 24th, day of  
August, 1922, in the Baldwin Times,  
a newspaper published in Baldwin Co., Alabama, that a copy of said order was posted at the Court  
House door in Baldwin County, on the 24th day of  
August, 1922, and

And it now further appearing to the Register T.W. Richerson, that the said  
Wallace Earl Britt,

having to the date hereof failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause, it is now, there-  
fore, on motion of Complainant, ordered and decreed by the Register T.W. Richerson, that the  
Bill of Complaint in this cause be, and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed against the said  
Wallace Earl Britt,

This 1st day of January, 1923.

T.W. Richerson  
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Willie Lee Britt,

vs.

Wallace Earl Britt.

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON  
PUBLICATION.

Issued January 1st, 19.23

*D. M. Peterson*  
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 350 Vacation Term, 1923

Nicie Lee Britt

Complainant.....

vs.

Wallace Carl Britt

Defendant.....

To

J. W. Williams

Register:

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the

Complainant, by

Stone and Stone

Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

Stone and Stone

Solicitors for Complainant.



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Willie Lee Britt

vs.

Wheeler Earl Britt

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN  
VACATION.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW  
66 ST. MICHAEL STREET  
MOBILE, ALA.

Sept 22, 1927

Hon Register Circuit  
Court:

Dear Sir:- I have a piece of  
business in your court rendered  
since 1925 in case of Willie Lee Britt &  
Wallace Earl Brit. Let me know  
how & the cost if there is for the ~~purpose~~  
to get right to ~~move~~ again.

cost  
to be 9.35 -

Very truly,  
F. K. Hale

The State of Alabama, }  
Baldwin County.

No. 350. CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Willie Lee Britt, Complainant

vs.

Wallace Earl Britt, Defendant

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and the testimony as noted by the Register; and, upon consideration thereof, the Court is of opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill.

IT IS, THEREFORE, Ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby dissolved, and the Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant.

on account of cruelty,

It is further ordered, that the said Willie Lee Britt, be, and he is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

It is further ordered, that the said Willie Lee Britt, pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue, and if such execution is returned "no property found," then execution for such costs may issue against the said Wallace Earl Britt,

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Willie Lee Britt, shall not again marry except to said Wallace Earl Britt, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days he shall not marry again except to said Wallace Earl Britt, during the pendency of said appeal.

This 2nd day of March, 1923

John D. Lirah  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

I, Register of said Circuit Court of said County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on the day of 192, in the cause of Complainant

vs.

Defendant as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the day of 192.

Register.

No. 350

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,  
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY,  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Willie Lee Britt,

Vs.

Wallace Earl Britt.

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this 3rd

day of March, 1923

*J. Williamson*

Register.

E. O. M.

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*Willie Lee Britt*  
*Wallace Earl Britt*  
 THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
 BALDWIN COUNTY  
 BOND  
 W. W. WINE SWIFT  
 THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
 BALDWIN COUNTY  
 JAMES M. WINE SWIFT  
 JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY  
 I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on this 3rd day of March, 1923, in the case of Willie Lee Britt vs. Wallace Earl Britt, docketed in the name of James M. Wine Swift, Clerk of said Court.

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BALDWIN COUNTY.

R. B. Vail, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the <sup>owner</sup> ~~FOREMAN~~ of THE BALDWIN TIMES, a Weekly Newspaper published at Bay Minette, Baldwin County, Alabama; that the notice hereto attached of

Britt Notice NonResident # 356

T. W. Richerson,  
Register.

Stone and Stone,  
Attys for Complainant.

SPECIAL DEED

Was published in said Newspaper for 4 consecutive weeks in the following issues:

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Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned

this 2<sup>d</sup> day of March 1923.

T. W. Richerson  
Clerk Circuit Court

R. B. Vail  
Foreman.  
Owner